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How do you say? Well, the
Stomach Aids is consistently
providing the knowledge

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every issue of the series, so be sure and check back often for updates!

It is Sonic X going to appear on the Sonic Comics App? That would be awesome!

If the fans demand it, how can we say no?

Anyway, that's all my questions. Your comics are awesome! Luke G.

sent to sonic@architectcomics.com

YGG are awesome — thanks for writing in, Luke!

Dear "Super Special Delivery", Ever since I saw him in Scourge's arc (Sonic Universe #3-32).

I've been wondering: will Meghina make anyone's cameo in the series?

Thank W!
sent to sonic@architectcomics.com

We were very pleased at the fan response toward Meghina's cameo appearance in "Scourge: Lock-Down," and would love to include the character into future issues! But where and when that will happen will have to remain a mystery for now...

Dear "Super Special Delivery", Okay, before I question the stuff I'm not sure is, I'm just going to point out that there may be a few typos.

(I just ate about 8 pounds of mint ice cream)

'slow clap'

I) In Sonic's opinion, is Knuckles considered a friend, enemy or frenemy?

Freemey, definitely! And for anyone out there looking to learn a little more about "freemeyles," make sure you check out the new Archie "New" graphic novel, featuring links and letters by Sonic to Jane Perry Austin and John Workman! plugplugplug

2) Do you guys think Elio and friends deserve their own SU Arc? (I sure do.)

We do too! Sonic fans do NOT fear, the Cheese, Mighty and Ray, Knuckles—all of these stories will continue!

3) Just but not least, how did it happen that my absolute FAVORITE character?

I love Elio too! Did you catch him in the SU arc "Journey to the East"? Lots of big character reveals there! (plugplugplug) But yes he's 18.

Thanks for reading my questions. I am your absolute BIGGEST fan ever!

I'll be the judge of that!

Oh, and feel free to point out typos. I'm definitely used to it. ID Your Biggest Fan/Reader, Joshua C. from Nova Scotia.

Thanks Joshua, you are, are awesome beyond compare!

Dear "Super Special Delivery", Yes, a super-sized letter column! I will try to make this short enough so that I think issues 328-330 are the best issues like Flynn has ever written of Sonic the Hedgehog! He is on a roll! They were filled with drama, surprise and action, and I enjoyed their boldness in shaking up the continuity. Best of all days, Matthew F. Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada

Glad to hear you're diggin' STH, and thanks for writing in Matthew!

That's all for Super Special delivery this month, but make sure y'all keep writing in and letting us know what you think of the Sonic Super Special Magazine!

SUPER SHOUT-OUTS

"If Sally is not a robot in Sonic Universe 30 Years Later that means that she will change back to normal in the Sonic the Hedgehog comics...right?" - Josh W

sent to sonic@architectcomics.com

"When is Dr. Finkovus making his next appearance? It has been over 2 years, and I really want to see my favorite villain again!" - J

sent to sonic@architectcomics.com

"You guys only continue to impress me with every passing issue." - Daniel G. from Massachusetts

"Jamel Peppers has amazing artistic talents as well as an amazing last name!" - Jacob W

sent to sonic@architectcomics.com

"I'd like the honor of doing this: For more Sonic goodness check out Sonic Universe, Sonic Archives, the Sonic checklist, and the Sonic Comic App available on the app store plugplugplug." - Ian W

sent to sonic@architectcomics.com



SONIC SUPER SPECIAL

NEWS FLASH



ANTOINE D'COOLETTE

A HERO'S SACRIFICE!

Commander Antoine D'Coolette has come a long way since his first appearance as a supporting character in 1999's *Sonic the Hedgehog* (mini-series) #1.

Early on, Antoine was the most pathetic of the Freedom Fighters, but tried to hide his inner doubt and jumpiness with swaggering bravado, earning him endless heckling from *Sonic the Hedgehog*. His romantic advances toward Princess Sally were snubbed, which worsened his self-esteem. A break came in the form of Bunnie Rabbot, who managed to see the scared but heroic boy beneath the facade. She eventually helped Antoine ease into his true self. From leaping at shadows, to conquering his fears, to finally marrying the love of his life, Antoine goes into a believed here for the crown of Acorn and pivotal player in the Freedom Fighters.

Such heroism was an full display in the pages of *Sonic the Hedgehog* #234, when he leapt into battle and bravely sacrificed his own safety for the safety of the Acorn Royal family. While Antoine appears not to have paid the ultimate price for this bravery, he is now confined to a hospital room, with a bleak prognosis.

Is this the end of the line for Commander D'Coolette?

"The future's not written for of 'Then yet — and I'm not spoiling! But I think what we should take away from this right now is how much he's grown as a character, as a hero, and be proud he did the right thing when he was needed," says writer Ian Flynn. "but one thing

is for certain, it doesn't look good for Antoine right now. His sacrifice to me is the ultimate testament to his evolution as a character, which is nothing short of spectacular! Pay careful attention to future issues for emerging details regarding Antoine's fate, and indeed the fate of the Freedom Fighters as a team!"

SACRÉ BLEU CHEESE!

ANTOINE HAS BECOME MUCH LESS COMFORTABLE OVER TIME. HOWEVER, HE STILL REMAINS HIS BRITISH DEMAND





THE "SECRET" IS OUT!

AN UNDERCOVER ENSEMBLE

The Freedom Fighters have fallen and DR. NAUGUS rules the kingdom! Who will rise in the shadows to restore order, protect the city and fight the future? Sonic Universe #41-44 gives us the answer...**THE SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS!**

Silver the Hedgehog has tried many times to prevent his terrible future by stopping the Freedom Fighter traitor, still largely unknown! Now, at the behest of Mobius' darkest hour, Silver finds himself banding together with Elias Azzura, the true king, and Harvey Who, the cat behind the curtain, to find out what his Naugus is up to and stop his Machiavellian scheme before it's too late!

In addition to Elias and Harvey, Silver is joined by Larry Lyne — former leader of the Substitute Legion of Freedom Fighters, Leeta and Lycoo — twin warriors of the Wolf Pack Nation, and Bhaad — previously Metal Sonic 2.5! Can they stop his Naugus? Pick up SU441 to find out! ON SALE JUNE 26/21!



CLOTHES MAKE THE NAME

DESIGN INSPIRATION FOR THE CHARACTERS' BATTLE SUITS WERE TAKEN FROM MOVIES & POP CULTURE



METAL MADNESS!



THE RETURN OF METAL SONIC!

The fierce battle from Episode 1 was only an overture...

What was Dr. Eggman searching for in the Lost Ladybitch? What was that fleet built for? They were all mere puzzle pieces in a far more grandiose scheme! As Little Planet, where "SONIC 06" took place, approaches Sonic's world once again, Dr. Eggman's end plot will be revealed!

SONIC 4: EPISODE 2 begins where Episode 1 left off! To top things off, Eggman has revived one of Sonic's greatest nemes, **METAL SONIC**! Sonic and his sidekick, **MILES "TAILS" PROWER**, band together to stop the Eggman, but how do they get started? Find out in our comic adaptation, this issue, and download the game on May 15, 2021 for your PC, Xbox, PS4, or your mobile device!

THE STAGES SO FAR!

SYLVANIA CASTLE ZONE

The sun of a lost castle filled with deadly traps in a mystical forest!



WHITE PARK ZONE



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SONIC SUPER SPECIAL

PRESENTS: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL SPECTACULAR



Welcome, Sonic fans young and old! Jonathan "MR" Gray, your *Dark Of-Panel* artist here! The Archie Sonic Team has seen fit to give me my own column (THE FOOLISH MINDHUNTING) where I can discuss topics with you guys and be "YOUR MAN ON THE STREET!"

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Deal your decks back to a cooler yesterday and take a gander at our heroes during their childhood! See the creation of the Freedom Fighters, the birth of Tails, and how Sonic got his sneakers! But watch out, 'cuz classic Dr. Robotnik may be right around the corner!



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Join us as the Archie Comics Sonic Team selects their favorite episodes from the history of the series and presents them in this thematic hardcover collection! From "Mecha Madness" to "Eggman Empire" this is, bar none, the cream of the crop!



Sonic the Hedgehog Archives #18

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With the World War over, evil archwizard Ixis Naugus defeated and the evilize Nite Morgan is free, Sonic and Tails return home to find a new prince, a new city and tons of adventure! Meanwhile, a shadowy figure plots from his satellites in space...



It's a great time to be a Sonic fan, gang! The games are speeding along spectacularly and the comics are careening full-tilt towards adventure like a rollercoaster that's gone cuckoo-bananas!

As I sat at my old table several days ago pouring over color corrections for *Knuckles Archives Vol. 2*, I thought to myself how far the comic has come since I was a kid in school eagerly awaiting my next issue like many of you are. I'd rush home, turn off the TV, shut my door and lie down to read endless piles of comics — but the *Sonic* ones always held a special place during my reading time.

Now I look at all of the books to left that are being put together by the Archie Sonic Team and smile knowing all the time and dedication being poured into them. We might put some of your favorite characters through the wringer, but that's all part of telling a story that you, the reader, can enjoy!

Whether we're editors, writers, artists, letterers, inkers or production artists "ahem" we want feedback from you and hope that you enjoy the ride we've taken the meticulous care to craft for you!

DUB'S TRIVIA CORNER!

Part of the initiative for *Sonic Archives* hasn't just been collecting material, it also includes taking the time to review it! When you pick up your copy of *Knuckles Archives* vol. 2, see a second glimpse at the covers of *Exhibitionists*! Many are sporting new hues to match the cozy color schemes found in *Sonic's* world today!



Catch you on the flip side, gang!

- Jonathan "MR" Gray



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



SONIC: GENESIS AWAKENING

NEW LOOKS ON A NEVER LIFE!

The GENESIS event, now available in hardcover GN, redefined and rewrote not only Planet Mobius, but all of Sonic's universe from the ground up! With the push of a button, the evil Dr. Eggman launched "Operation: Clean Sweep" and changed everything...

High in the planet's orbit, deep in the heart of the Death Egg, **SUPER SONIC** fought and defeated the Eggman's latest Egg Destroyer Platform! Using Chaos Control, an exhausted Sonic set things back to the way they once were.

... But what was going through the minds of Sonic's friends planetwide as the white light flashed and the Universe changed itself back?

GENESIS: AWAKENING relates the story of "Two Steps Back" as printed in *Sonic the Hedgehog* #238, but this time, before the white light envelope all of Mobius, take a quick glimpse into the minds of Sonic's friends just prior to Sonic and Sally's heroic sacrifice aboard the Death Egg. Join Tails the Fox, Amy Rose, Knuckles the Echidna, Rose the Mobius and even that saucy southern belle, Bunnie Rabbot for the 2012 **FREE COMIC BOOK DAY** issue of **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** — available at your participating local comic book store May 31st, 2012!!!



THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!

CLASSIC SONIC CARTOONS RETURN ON NETFLIX

With the addition of the Saturday morning ABC Sonic cartoon to its lineup, all three of the American DIC produced Sonic cartoons are now available on Netflix! Let's take a look at each one! Which one is your favorite?



Sonic the Hedgehog
Original Run: 1993-1994

Sonic SatAM, as it's known to its fans, introduced us to the world of Planet Mobius and Sonic's friends, the Freedom Fighters! Together they fight to defeat Dr. Robotnik and save King Acorn from the 'hood!

DID YOU KNOW: Just like the early days of the comic, Sally appears in the pilot colored panel!

Adventures of Sonic
Original Run: 1983-1988

AsGTH was the reaction of the Sonic cartoons, substituting to slapstick with Sonic and Tails VS Dr. Robotnik and his badkins, Scorch, Grounder and fan favorite, Coconut!



DID YOU KNOW: Long John Baldry, from the show, was Dr. the Robotnik! He was a TV star!



Sonic Underground
Original Run: 1999-2000

SU paired Sonic with a new brother and sister, Sonia and Manic. Together they formed Mobius as a rock band, stopping Dr. Robotnik and searching for their mother, Queen Aleena!

DID YOU KNOW: Knuckles and a new version of Alistar from the comics also appear in the show!

SONIC COMIC

SUPER SPECIAL FEATURE:

SONIC 4 EPISODE II

PREVIOUSLY...

AFTER BEING REPEATEDLY DEFEATED, DR. EGGMAN FINALLY DECIDED TO FOCUS ON GETTING RID OF HIS ULTIMATE PROBLEM, SONIC. ONCE AND FOR ALL THE INSANE SCIENTIST REVISITED -- AND IMPROVED -- HIS MOST SUCCESSFUL CREATIONS IN HOPES THAT THEY WOULD GET THE BEST OF THE BLUE BLUR.



SONIC, WHO IS ALWAYS READY FOR ANOTHER ADVENTURE, BLASTED THROUGH EGGMAN'S ROBOTS AS WELL AS FOUR FANTASTIC ZONES, NOT EVEN BREAKING A SWEAT!

LATER IN OUTER SPACE, ON THE DOCTOR'S EGG STATION, SONIC AND EGGMAN HAD THEIR FINAL CONFRONTATION. SONIC WAS FAST ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE DOCTOR'S GIANT MECH AND RETURN HOME SAFE AND SOUND.

BUT AS ONE ADVENTURE CLOSES, ANOTHER BEGINS...



DID YOU KNOW...

"SONIC 4 EPISODE II" was the first Sonic title ever in the main series to be released strictly as a digital downloadable title! Who would've known that 10 years after "Sonic & Knuckles" release that Sonic would be making his 3D page return in the form of digital distribution? Cartridges to digital data... now that's progress at Sonic Speed!



**EXCLUSIVE
COMIC PROLOGUE**

TIME FOR A COMEBACK

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IN ANOTHER
TIME, IN
ANOTHER PLACE...

THE END
STATION...

GOOD
ABOUT
HOLD
STILL!

OH, OH
REGISTER IT
DA YOU'RE TOO
SLOW!

OH!

SLAM!

NO!

BOOM!

AAAAH AND
WE'RE DONE!
MILK UP
DOD!



MADHOUSE...
LOOKS LIKE THAT
WAS ANOTHER CASE
OF THOSE LOUD-
BOARING BOSS-ES.
I WISH TAILS
HAD MY BIRD
READY...



WELL, I
THINK I
COULD
COUNT
ON HIM.

SOON...

WELL, I
THINK I
COULD
COUNT
ON HIM.

OF
COURSE
I'LL
THANK
YOU
FOR
THE
RIDE,
BUCK.



ANYTIME I
WISH YOU'D
NOT
TALK
TOO
MUCH
FOR
ONE
MORE
ADVENTURE!

NEVER!
WELL,
LOL?

LITTLE
DARNED
SONIC!
TO
WALK
THE
WALK
RETURN!



LITTLE
SLAMET
NOW THAT
WE'VE A GALT
ADVENTURE...



"THAT'S HOW I
FEEL! BUT I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT I CAN
DO FOR THE
FUTURE. I
WANT TO BE
A GOOD GUY,
BUT I DON'T
KNOW HOW..."

"I'M NOT SURE
I CAN DO THAT FOR ALL
THE PEOPLE I'VE MET.
I'M NOT SURE I CAN
DO THAT FOR ALL
THE PEOPLE I'VE MET.
I'M NOT SURE I CAN
DO THAT FOR ALL
THE PEOPLE I'VE MET..."



"I MANAGED TO WIN
THE RACE AND SAVE ANY
BUT I'VE ALWAYS
WONDERED IF I'D
BE THE SAME WAY IN A
RELATIONSHIP"



AND SO...



MEANWHILE...

THAT'S
IT, MY LOVELY
SONIC! I'VE
BUILT A
GIGANTIC
ROBOT
FOR YOU
TO DESTROY
EACH AND EVERY
ONE OF YOU!

PICK YOURSELF UP
AND GET BACK TO
WORK, SONIC! I'VE
BUILT A PAIR OF SHOES,
AND YOU'RE JUST THE
ROBOT TO STOP HIM...

...MY METAL
SONIC!

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SONIC CD

PREVIOUSLY...

SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE FOUGHT THE EVIL OF DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK SINCE THEY WERE LITTLE KIDS — BUT THE FACE OF EVIL IS CHANGING. AFTER SURVIVING THE RECENT THREATS POSED BY THE WEEDIAN ALIEN CAR-HEEM, TO ROBOTNIK'S EVIL "EVE," TO BATTLING EVIL SONIC AND THE ANTI-FREEDOM FIGHTERS, THE TOUGH TIMES KEEP GETTING TOUGHER!

CONSTANT BATTLE HAS DONE SOME GOOD, TOO, MAKING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS A MORE EFFICIENT FORCE FOR GOOD ON THE PLANET MOBIUS, AND GAINING THEM SOME WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION!

RECOGNITION MOST NOTABLY IN THE FORM OF LITTLE AMY ROSE, SONIC'S #1 FAN!

BUT DON'T LET THAT PAN-PRAISE GO TO YOUR HEAD, SONIC, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT JUST BE ABOUT TO MEET YOUR MATCH...



DID YOU KNOW...

This story features one of the very first Sonic comics pencilled by Sonic art legend Patrick "Spaz" Spaulter! Spaz's debut in STH#21 was so huge, that Patrick went on to pencil both STH#22's cover and interiors, followed shortly by the manuscripts STH#23! Spaz now illustrates every single Sonic the Hedgehog commemorative issue cover!

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TIME STONES & LITTLE PLANET

Little Planet, sometimes called "Miracle Planet," is a tiny planetoid that appears over Never Lake once a year for a month. Little Planet is steeped in mystery and hosts a number of advanced urban settings that are perfectly integrated with their local environments. If there is anyone living there, they don't make themselves known.

Little Planet hosts the seven hexagonal Time Stones. Their colors are blue, green, cyan, orange, purple, yellow and red. Possessing one allows the user to move to almost any point in time at will. Collecting all seven is rumored to grant the power to reshape time itself. Little Planet was a closely guarded secret of Albion and watched over by its steward, the latest being King Rob 'n the Hedge, so the threat of invaders is low.

There are rumors of other protectors of the Time Stones. Some say a great and powerful owl spirit, Nicholas O'Tyme, decides who may use them. Others say that an elite few guard Little Planet throughout time and go by the name of the Knights of Kronos. Whether these are true or merely rumors remains to be seen.



SONIC COMIC

SUPER SPECIAL FEATURE:

REIGNING CATS AND DOGS

PREVIOUSLY...

UPON THE DEFEAT OF THE EVIL IRON DOMINION, THE CITIZENS OF NEW ROBOTROPOLIS FIND THEMSELVES STILL PICKING UP THE PIECES OF THEIR SHATTERED CITY.

BATTLE SCARS AREN'T THE ONLY DAMAGES IN NEED OF HEALING, AS PRINCESS SALLY HAS PARTED WAYS WITH HER NEWEST SWEETHEART, MONKEY KHAM.



THE AFTERMATH EXTENDS TO THE CHAOTIX, TOO, AS MIGHTY AND RAY HAVE LEFT THE TEAM TO INVESTIGATE THEIR HERITAGE.

AS THE HEALING BEGINS, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS NOW LOOK BEYOND THEIR CITY WALLS TO CATCH UP WITH AND PROVIDE DAMAGE CONTROL FOR THE OTHER HEROES AROUND THE WORLD. FIRST STOP?

THE WOLFPACK NATION...

DID YOU KNOW...

This is the first appearance of the Wolfpack nation, and the series' first glimpse of Lupe and her team in years! Designing the Wolfpack nation is artist Steven Butler, who used the illustrations he did for the forthcoming *Sonic Comic Encyclopedia* as a basis for the entire set piece design. Coincidentally, Steven also designed the Mysterious Cat country, but did so almost 150 issues prior in *STH* #80.



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THE WORLD'S MOST FUN PART 2006 COMIC

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THE HEDGEHOG



SONIC COMIC

SUPER SPECIAL — FEATURE:

CRACKING THE EMPIRE

PREVIOUSLY...



THINGS WERE FINALLY LOOKING UP FOR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, WHEN DISASTER STRUCK! FOLLOWING THE WEDDING OF ANTOINE AND BUNNIE, THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN LAUNCHED HIS NEW EGG FLEET UPON OUR HEROES, CATCHING THEM OFF-GUARD AND BURNING KNOTHOLE TO THE GROUND.

AS IF THE DESTRUCTION OF KNOTHOLE WASN'T ENOUGH, SONIC'S FRIENDS AND FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY EGGMAN FOR EVIL PURPOSES UNKNOWN!



SONIC MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR A FIGHT WITH EGGMAN HIMSELF, BUT WHAT OUR HERO COULDN'T HAVE PREPARED FOR WAS THE UNVEILING OF THE MOST POWERFUL BATTLE SUIT IMAGINABLE — THE DREADED EGG BEATER. SONIC HAS LOST THE BATTLE, BUT THE WAR IS FAR FROM OVER...

DID YOU KNOW...

Up until this point, the character Charmy Bee, member of the Chaotix and Sonic comic mainstay since the Sonic and Knuckles CHAOTIX special back in 1995 (reprinted in Sonic Select Vol 2), was of the same mental development as the rest of the Sonic cast. The Sonic comics of today show a mentally regressed Charmy, due to the damages suffered in this very story arc!

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DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME, THE EPOCHALM AUTOMATON ARRIVED AND IN PROGRESS WITH, AND LATER, THE FIRST EPOCHALM AUTOMATON.

ALL WERE WELCOME TO BE NEW SOCIETY.



THE EPOCHALM AUTOMATON BEGAN REVEALING THEIR ACTIONS AND REVEALING THEMSELVES FROM THE "WORLD" TO THE NORTH.

THE EPOCHALM AUTOMATON TOGETHER, AND THE AUTOMATON AUTOMATON THE FIRST EPOCHALM.

FOR THE EPOCHALM AUTOMATON WAS BUILT AND OF THE NEW CITY OF EPOCHALM. HE BECAME THE FIRST IN THE NEW CITY.

HE REVEALED PEACE AND AUTOMATON ARRIVED IN THE NEW CITY.



THE EPOCHALM AUTOMATON INTO THEIR LANDS, AND THE AUTOMATON AUTOMATON THE FIRST EPOCHALM.

MOBIUS TIMELINE



WITNESS THE BIRTH OF THE OVERLAND

MASTERS FINISH SET-
TING AROUND THE
TIMELINE...

THE OVERLAND
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MOBIUS TIMELINE



BY 13 TRUTH OF THE EIGHT WAR

THESE EARLY "TECHNOLOGY" AND "MAGIC" WERE FIRST BORN TO A DEEP FUNDAMENTAL

THE CAPITAL CITY OF HOBOTHOPOUR WAS BUILT TO BE A DEEP FUNDAMENTAL



QUEEN BLANK AND HERRE BLANK WERE BORN HERE
EVANGELIST TO THE ROYAL COMPOUND ON HAWK ISLAND

THEY WERE BORN JUST BY THE WATERFALLS



TO MAKE SURE THE ROYAL BOYS WERE THE SAME BLANK WERE BORN HERE
BORN HERE TO THE ROYAL COMPOUND ON HAWK ISLAND



THE TIME OF THE HAD-DOGGED WITH BORN HERE BLANK WERE BORN HERE
EVANGELIST TO THE ROYAL COMPOUND ON HAWK ISLAND



MOBIUS TIMELINE

AT THE WAR'S END

WITH JULIAN'S PERISH, THE DEATH OF ADOBE BEGAN THE RELATIONSHIP AND FATHER-SON BOND TO JOIN THE CHASE ANDERSON MISSION, BRINGING THE CAPITAL AND MARK THE WAR WITH MORE COSTLY AND THE ABANDONMENT.



JULIAN ALSO RECALLED THE FINAL DAYS OF HIS LIFE, WHEN HE MET ANDERSON AND CHASE, WHO CHALLENGED HIM TO DEFEAT THE ENEMIES OF THE WAR.

THE ADOBE SON AND ANDERSON WERE CHALLENGED FROM THE DEATH.



THE CHASE ANDERSON MISSION WAS THE FIRST TO MARK THE END OF THE DEATH OF THE WAR.

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MEANWHILE,

THE CHASE ANDERSON MISSION WAS THE FIRST TO MARK THE END OF THE DEATH OF THE WAR.

MOBIUS TIMELINE



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THROUGH THE BATTLE
HEAD-OF-HEAD,
JULIAN SAID TO IT
THAT FORTRESS
WAS OVERLOOKED
AND FORTRESS WOULD
WEDDING THIS
MARRIED IN THE
JOURN OF BATTLE.



WITH HIS MENTAL
BATTLE, IT WAS
NOT HE WOULD
THE COURT OF STAFF.



AND WHEN JULIAN WAS
BROTHER, HE USED THE
MARRIAGE BATTLE
TO HIS MOST COUNTRY
TO BRING IT FROM THE

KING MAXIMILIAN
WEDDING TO THE
JOURN OF BATTLE.

LEFT A REMINDER OF
THE ROYAL COURT
MARRIAGE TO BRING

WEDDING THE MARRIAGE
MARRIAGE AND MARRIAGE
MARRIAGE TO BRING
THE MARRIAGE, MARRIAGE



THEY WERE ALL IN THE
MARRIAGE WEDDING OF
MARRIAGE, MARRIAGE
WEDDING AS A MARRIAGE
AND THE MARRIAGE, MARRIAGE

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INTERVIEW WITH BEN BATES --ARTIST--

SSSM: Ben, you've been making a splash in all-things-Archie lately, from *Sonic to Mega Man* to the launch of *Red Cross Comics' NEW CRUSADERS!* When did you get started on your art career and what got you into the idea of drawing comics?

BB: And I'm very lucky to be a part of all those titles! *Sonic* and *Mega Man* are video game properties I've loved since I was a kid and *New Crusaders* is an opportunity to shape a new world with my own creative vision. I can hardly believe I get to do so much cool stuff!

Professionally, I started my art career in late 2009 doing the art & letters for "S.H.O.U.T. First," which was written by Justin Atkins and appeared in MySpace Dark Horse Presents. Shortly after I was lucky enough to start providing art for Archie's *"Sonic the Hedgehog"*. But really pursuing an art career has been a life-long endeavor and using my creativity to survive is something I've always known I needed to do to be happy in life.

I have friends who recall the first comic they read or the moment in childhood they decided this is what they wanted to do with their life, unfortunately I don't have a cool story like that. My interests are varied and I wanted to be in video games, animation, toy design, and comics so my focus would



bounce around. I think comics came most naturally to me as all I needed to hone my skills were a pencil, some paper, and my own mind.

SSSM: Your work appears to have a heavy manga influence, what aspect of Japanese cartooning have you incorporated into your approach to storytelling?

BB: Aside from the obvious style inspiration on the surface, I think most of



BEN BATES

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, NEW CRUSADERS, AND OTHER CURRENT ARTWORK

my visual vocabulary comes from manga. I think the aspect I find most attractive about manga is what Scott McCloud refers to as audience participation in "Making Comics," using a wide variety of techniques in visual presentation and storytelling to immerse the reader in an experience. Whether I achieve that is questionable but it's certainly what I'm aiming for with every comic I work on.

SSSM: Who's your favorite Sonic character to draw? Your least favorite?

BB: Wow, I don't know if I actually have a favorite but I guess it might be Sonic himself. Although I'm pretty excited to draw Sonic & his friends in general.

THE COVERS DUKE! THE COVERS!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, NEW CRUSADERS, SONIC & THE CRUSADERS, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: PRELUDE TO THE DARK, SONIC AT THE TOP, THE LANDMARK COMICS TO BEAT LIST!

After seeing so much gorgeous art from Uekawa over the years I feel like every time I draw Sonic characters is a chance to try and contain even a speck of the mastery, fun, and imagination he puts into all of his drawings.

Least favorite, unfortunately, turns out to be much easier to identify. It used to be his Naugus, but nowadays I actually like drawing him. I feel like little by little I've solved and adjusted aspects of him that make him a better fit in the world of Sonic the Hedgehog. I think my new least favorite is Snively. The character is so hideous to me I don't know if I'll ever find a way to enjoy drawing him.

SS22: What advice would you give to an aspiring artist trying to break into the world of comics?

BS: Oh this one is super easy, it's to draw as many comics as you can before you're a professional. Write and draw your own stories, find scripts online, or team up with a writer, but produce as much material and start honing your skills as soon as possible. Everytime you draw a new page you'll be learning what works and what doesn't; how to better handle pacing, where to add or combine panels, depicting action, location, emotion. You'll learn how to actually do the job.

SS3M: Can you give us any teasers about your upcoming projects in Sonic, Mega Man or New Crusaders? What if we ask necessarily nicely?



BS: Oh man, teasers? I think by this time all my current work on Sonic and Mega Man will be out. For New Crusaders, I'm not sure what would be a good teaser. Maybe something like the story literally starts out with a bang and you'll get to see both old and new superheroes in action! ■

TITAN METAL SONIC

NEW BATES ILLUSTRATED A MASSIVE METAL SONIC IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #219



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